

rise to support the committee amendment. I think they are proper. They will just enhance the bill that much more. If subdivisions of government want an extra program, a new program, or an expanded program certainly they should pick up the tab. I would urge you to vote for the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Nichol, do you wish recognition?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, about the amendment to the bill, who decides whether municipalities, big ones, middle-sized ones, or little ones, want legislation and how do we decide, how does the Legislature decide whether they really want it or not, or how many of them want it, or if some want it and some don't want it, how do we decide whether we should pay them the money? Senator Labedz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I think as an example we could say Bellevue wants something and Omaha does not want it. Then that would mean that the Legislature would have to ultimately decide what would be appropriated. If the City of Lincoln comes in and wants something, Omaha does not, the Legislature will make the final decision.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, I understand that. If Omaha wants legislation then we don't pay them, and if Lincoln doesn't want the legislation...

SENATOR LABEDZ: That's right, that's what the committee amendments are.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Just dealing with Lincoln and Omaha only?

SENATOR LABEDZ: No, no.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well my question is this...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Subdivisions come in and request any new or changed programs.

SPEAKER NICHOL: But let's say, for example, Norfolk,